

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:15 p.m. on April 26, 2001 in Room 231N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
 Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
 Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Nick Jordan

Others attending: See Attached List

School Finance

Chairman Umbarger introduced Senator Jordan. Senator Jordan presented a proposal for school finance which he and four other Senators put together. (Attachment 1) The attachment compares Governor Grave's original proposal, the Senate Education Plan of April 17th and Senator Jordan's proposed plan.

Senator Jordan's proposal:

Base State Aid Per Pupil	\$3,885
At-Risk Weighting	10 percent
Correlation Weighting	1,715
Four-Year Old at-Risk Pupils	2,666
Special Education	86%
Extended Learning	0
Reward for Outstanding Teachers	0 million
Alternative Compensation	0 million
School Finance Study	0.2 million
Total Cost	\$57.2 million

His proposal for funding included an increase in alcohol and cigarette taxes and a 3% increase in the maximum LOB authority.

Senator Lynn Jenkins' proposal was the same as Senator Jordan's plan with the funding coming from decreasing the required ending balance by 1 percent of expenditures and includes the 3% increase in the LOB. (Attachment 2)

Senator Jay Emler's proposal: (Attachment 3)

Base State Aid Per Pupil	\$3,895
At-Risk Weighting	10 percent
Correlation Weighting	1,715
Four-Year Old at-Risk Pupils	3,102
Special Education	85.3%
Extended Learning	0
Reward for Outstanding Teachers	1.5 million
Alternative Compensation	1.0 million
School Finance Study	0.2 million
Total Cost	\$64.2 million

This plan is \$21.8 over the Governor's original proposal and the additional funding would come from the Class C inheritance tax.

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Senator Hensley proposed that funding for education come from reducing the ending balance by ½ percent which would bring in \$23 million, pass SB156 which is the slots bill, which would bring in \$23 million the first year and \$64 million every fiscal year following and the Class C inheritance tax which would bring in \$20 million. After the first year, the ending balance would go back to 7 ½ percent.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.